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SUBJECT: GREEK PRESS TREATMENT OF UNGA CYPRUS DEBATE

1. THE GREEK PRESS HAS ACCORDED THE CYPRUS DEBATE IN THE UNGA ONLY MODERATE COVERAGE DURING THE PAST THREE DAYS. MOST OF THE STORIES HAVE BEEN DATELINED NEW YORK FROM "SPECIAL CORRESPONDENTS" OR HAVE BEEN BASED UPON WIRE SERVICE ACCOUNTS. THEY ESSENTIALLY REPORT FACTUAL DEVELOPMENTS SURROUNDING THE DEBATE

2. PARTICULAR ASPECTS OF THE DEBATE WHICH HAVE BEEN HIGHLIGHTED ARE THE TURKISH REJECTION OF THE CYPRIOT DRAFT RESOLUTION, TURKISH EFFORTS TO HAVE TURKISH CYPRIOT LEADER DENKTASH ADDRESS THE UNGA, THE STATEMENT YESTERDAY (NOVEMBER 13) BY THE UK REPRESENTATIVE (ESPECIALLY HIS EMPHASIS THAT UDI MUST BE RULED OUT) AND THE COMMENTS OF SOME OF THE OTHER SPEAKERS FROM NATIONS NOT DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN THE CYPRUS DISPUTE. TO DATE THERE HAS BEEN A NOTICEABLE LACK OF ANY EDITORIAL COMMENT

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KATHIMERINI'S "QUICK RESUMPTION OF INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS IS SOUGHT;

DENKTASH DID NOT SECURE MAJORITY TO TAKE FLOOR AT THE UN; ENGLAND
REJECTS UNILATERAL PROCLAMATION OF INDEPENDENT STATE;" CONSERVATIVE,
PRO-GOVERNMENT ACROPOLIS' "CONCILIATORY PLAN PROMOTED BY THE NON-
ALIGNED ON CYPRUS ISSUE;" RIGHT WING ETHNIKOS KYRIX'S "WATNING
MADE BEFORE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY:ENGLAND AGAINST ANY UNILATERAL
DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE IN CYPRUS;" AND RIGHT WING ELEFTHEROS
COSMOS' "DENKTASH WISHES NOW TO APPEAR AS VICE PRESIDENT AT THE
UN: BRITAIN AGAINST UNILATERAL DECISIONS."
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